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ite, or any article based on reports
that are false will be gladly corrected
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lisher.

4 O'CLOCK EDITION

Ardmore, Thursday December 31.

Russia has practically warned the
Jews of Kishenev that there will be
another massacre on January 7, and
they must not resist being murdered
on pain of death.

There is no doubt that Russia and
Japan will come to a peaceful agree-
ment. There is also no doubt that
the said peaceful agreement will be
preceded by war.

Evans will take the Asiatic squad-
ron to Cavite immediately. Cousin
Bob evidently desires to be on hand
in the event that there is a scrap be-
tween Japan and Russia.

HORROR AND HEROISM.

Heroic and pathetic incidents con-
nected with the Connellsville, Pa.,
wreck, that cost sixty lives are worthy
of repetition.

To many families the wreck brought
a fearsome and heart-rending Christ-
mas tide. Some of the passengers
were on their way back to homes they
had not visited for years happy in
the expectation of a yuletide gather-
ing. Others were going home from
Christmas shopping at Pittsburg. Pa-
thetic mementoes were the bundles
found in the arms of the dead and the
buried baggage revealing dolls and
toys and Christmas gifts.

The heroic was also there. It al-
ways is present when humanity is
put to the final test.

There was the conductor of the
train in his terrible agony shouting
at the top of his voice: "For God's
sake, I am scalded to death, but some
of you get a red lantern and flag 49."

A hustler could not be found but
a quick-witted brakeman limped back
and waving his coat, to which he had
set fire, flagged the oncoming train.

And there was the courageous stew-
ard of the dining room who plugged
the steam valves with his clothing
saving the bruised mass of humanity
in his car from scalding to death.

And the brave-souled William Ma-
rietta, a passenger. Marietta fought
his way out of the wreck and though
weak and faint from wounds, ran two
miles to the nearest town whispering
his plea for help to the telephone ex-
change and fell unconscious.

And then an angel of mercy—the
heroine of the wreck—appeared.

Ira Somers, aged 20, was the tele-
phone operator. When Marietta fell
at her feet, gasping his message, the
girl telephoned the news of the wreck
far and wide. She revived Marietta
by dashing water in his face. Then
she ordered a carriage from a livery
stable. Driving to a drug store she
loaded the vehicle with all the han-
dages, ointment and liniments she
could get. She whipped the horse into
a gallop and was the first woman to
lay a soft hand on the brows of the
wounded and dying.

Why retell the story?
Is it not worthy of repetition and
emphasis?

There are so many newspaper sto-
ries that show the degradation of the
race. Necessary also, so that when
there is both horror and heroism it is
good to dwell upon the latter.

These incidents of bravery and self-
sacrifice are the touchstones by
which we recognize the divinity that
is within us—Kansas City World.

THE COTTON SITUATION.

The continued advance of cotton has
caused some alleged authorities to
predict that the price will go to 20
cents before the upward tendency is
fully checked.

While the Record, as much as any
one else, would like to see the farmers
of the South receive 20 cents for every
pound of cotton they raise, it can not
close its eyes to the fact that such
high prices this season are fraught
with more or less danger and that
while the producers will reap a
golden harvest for the time being,

they stand a chance of losing in the
long run.

Doubtless this assertion will be re-
ceived with a general uplifting of
hands on the part of the hofter-than-
thou who like to pose as the infallible
advisor of the farmers no matter what
the situation may be, but we feel that
it is fully justified by the facts now
forthcoming.

The advance which culminated in
the present top figures was the result
of the inevitable laws of supply and
demand. The crop promises to be
unusually small this season and in
order ordinary circumstances might
be even further curtailed by the boll
weevil next year. But as the Record
sees it, the conditions next season
are likely to be anything but ordinary,
and therein lies the danger which we
believe to be apparent. In other
words, high prices and an impending
famine will inevitably cause many farm-
ers to largely increase their acreage
and in the end the results are likely
to be more or less disastrous. In the
years when the farmers raised prac-
tically nothing but cotton prices went
down to 5 cents. After a season or
two of this ruinous business the cotton
acreage was diminished, other
products were raised at a profit and
cotton prices commenced to get back
to where they should be.

And now it seems likely that recent
history is to repeat itself. A materi-
ally larger acreage might not bring
about a radical reduction in next
year's prices, but in the end it is
scarcely conceivable that it would fail
to do again just what it has done in
the past. Of course, the producers
might continue to get the top prices
for another season and grow fat there-
on, but what of the future?

If the cotton growers will take ad-
vantage of the good luck which is
being showered upon them, without
losing their heads and giving up ev-
erything else to cotton next year, they
will find some millions of extra cash
in their pockets and a continued good
market for their staple. If, however,
they make the mistake of planting
every available acre in cotton to the
exclusion of all else, they will proba-
bly lose those millions and several
more. They should profit by the les-
sons of the past.—Fort Worth Record.

EARLY CLOSING HOURS.

Many Stores Close at 6 O'clock of
Evenings.

Through the efforts of the Clerks'
Union of Ardmore the merchants
whose names appear below have
agreed to close their respective places
of business after January 1 at a
6 o'clock in the evening. The agree-
ment is one of much importance to the
city, and there is not a single
anywhere but that will appreciate
the early closing hour when they observe
that by doing their purchases in the
afternoon or early evening they will
give needed hours of rest and recre-
ation to an army of clerks.

The Ardmore merchants are to be
commended for accepting the early
closing proposition and every sales-
man and saleslady in the city duly ap-
preciate it as an act of kindness.

The merchants who will close at 6
p. m., except on Saturday nights,
are: Ardmore Dry Goods company,
Burton-Peel Dry Goods company, J.
E. Hamilton & Co., J. A. Leatherwood,
Cincinnati Racket Store, J. N. Harrell,
Sass & Crawford, Randal, Banker Mer-
cantonle company, Y. B. Lynn, West-
heimer & Dabbs, George Ash, Hall &
Thoms, Stevens, Kennerly & Sprague,
Madden Sykes & Co., Williams, Corbin
& Co., R. Lowenstein, O. L. Deane,
Baltimore Racket Store, R. A. Jones.

On Saturday nights the stores will
remain open until 8 o'clock. The
clerks will greatly appreciate the
people's observance of these hours.

M. & M. Naumburg & Co.

MAKERS NEW YORK.

The full Box Overcoat
is modelled on the newest
New York and London
patterns, 45 inches long,
broad shoulders, ample
spread of skirt; very grace-
ful, very stylish; best lin-
ings, best trimmings; hand
tailored, dressy and service-
able, and very moderate
price.

Look for our label.

Your money back for
anything not right.

For sale by

Burton-Peel Dry Goods Co.

Ardmore, I. T.

NEWS OVER THE PHONE.

Pauls Valley.

The Chickasaw Enterprise, which
was owned by Thompson & Wilson,
was sold today to W. M. Erwin of Mc-
Kinney, Texas. Mr. Wilson will con-
tinue the management of the paper
until February.

The Bank of Commerce building will
soon be ready for occupancy.

Bankrupt and fire rates which pre-
vailed all the fall, are dropping out.

Home.

D. J. Carpenter, our former mer-
chant, has moved to Elmore.

J. F. Robinson has purchased the
Carpenter stock and will continue the
business.

Dr. Alpers is our new postman.

W. A. McNeil, our new school teach-
er, has a good school and literary
ability.

Madill.

A. J. Carter of Tishomingo is here
to take charge of the Palace Drug
store for the Gruber-Kelly Drug com-
pany.

Duncan.

E. E. Rumpass of Farmersville,
Texas, who has the contract for the
waterworks, is in the city on busi-
ness.

Graham.

There was a candy breaking at the
home of T. E. Carter last night.
Everybody had a good time.

There was a show at the school
house last night.

Mr. Byrd is visiting W. R. Morgan
today.

A dance was given last night at the
home of W. R. Morgan.

Dr. G. L. Connor has two children
very sick with pneumonia.

Bob.

Hog killing is the order of the
day.

Our people are gathering what little
cotton they have left.

Lots of corn in this section for sale.

Wynnewood.

C. G. Keen's barn was destroyed by
fire last night. The barn was valued
at about \$100 and contained about
\$100 worth of feed.

Mrs. Winters gave a party last
night to the "kid crowd." About eight
couples drove up from Davis.

Purcell.

There will be an entertainment at
the opera house tonight by the school
children. The attraction will be a
"Tom Thumb Wedding."

A large crowd heard the lecture of
Mrs. Curtis last night.

Provence.

The telephone line from here to
Ardmore is in working order today
for the first time since Christmas.

Mr. Hamilton from Arkansas will
begin school here Monday.

Rental contracts for another year
are being made every day.

Durwood.

John Hawkins of Sulphur is visit-
ing here.

G. W. Harris of Asher, Ok., is visit-
ing relatives here.

Dr. Walker and family returned
from a visit with relatives in Texas
yesterday.

We have a medicine show in town
today.

Mrs. Tom McLaughlin, who has
been sick for about one week, is re-
ported as being better.

John Cornoll of Sulphur is visiting
here.

New Durwood.

J. W. Stephens has moved to New-
er county, Ok.

D. A. Massum and family have
moved to their future home in Okla-
homa.

V. J. Howard and family have gone
to Tecumseh, Ok., to visit.

Duncan.

James Barton had a preliminary
hearing yesterday at Ryan to answer
a charge of assault to kill one Nell
Doak. Both parties reside at Velma.

The testimony showed that Doak has
assaulted Barton with a club and that
the latter stabbed Doak with a knife
near the heart. Doak will recover and
the charge was reduced to aggravated
assault. Barton was released on a
bond of \$300.

Marlow.

Charles Pearson and Miss Allie
Haide were married here yesterday.

Business is good throughout this
section.

Springer.

Buck Hodges left today for East
Texas.

BRICK MACHINE ARRIVES.

Will Be Placed in Position at Once,
Capacity 40,000 Daily.

Yesterday afternoon the new brick
machine for the Ardmore Coal and
Power company arrived and is being
unloaded today. The machine will
be carried to the company's coal mine,
three and one-half miles southeast of
the city, at once, where the founda-
tion and house for it is already built.
As soon as the same can be properly
placed the company will put the ma-
chine at work. This machine makes
dry pressed brick and has a capacity
of 40,000 per day when used 24 hours.
The material and dirt accessible at
this mine is inexhaustible and makes
as fine, if not a better, brick than the
Coffeyville, Kansas, brick, which is
the best that comes to this market.

Local Cotton Market.

The cotton market opened quiet this
morning and up. The prices ranged
from 12-1/2 to 13-1/2 and the market closed
firm and up. Last cotton sold for 12
and 12-1/2 cents while seed cotton
brought from 3.60 to 3.75. Receipts
about 25 bales.

Georgia Minstrels.

The matinees given by Richard &
Pringle's Famous Georgia Minstrels
have proved very popular, giving as
it does the ladies and children a
chance to see the really excellent
performance given by these sons of
Ham, besides there is a number of
people who cannot attend the night
show, who gladly visit the matinees.
The management announce a special
"Bargain Matinee" in this city on
Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at
the Robinson opera house, when the
same performance will be given as
at the night show, but the prices will
be greatly reduced.

The program this season is made
up with the special idea of pleasing
ladies and children. Remember the
matinee will take place rain or shine.

30-3.

Subscribe for the Ardmoreite.

HOT TALMAES AND CHILI

At all hours. Short Order a
specialty. Come with your buckets
and get them filled.

BURL HICKS,
Next Door to E. B. Pugh.

To My Customers

And to every reader of the Ardmoreite I send

New Year Greetings

And wish for you a prosperous year
during 1904. If you have bought

Saddles and Harness

During 1903 from Johnson, it follows as night
the day that you have been pleased with your
purchase, and I invite you and your friends to
trade with me during the new year, I want to
call your especial attention to my

LIQUID HARNESS DRESSING.

Its use imparts to harness and traveling bags a
beautiful soft jet black luster that will not smut or peel
off. My stock of Saddles, Harness and Farmers Supplies
for the year 1904 will continue to be the largest and best
selected in the Indian Territory.

L. J. JOHNSON,

The Saddler,

ARDMORE, - - I. T.

BLANTON & BERKSHIRE, General - Insurance - Agents

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second stairway west of the Whittington.
ARDMORE, : : : IND. TER.

TODAY'S MARKET REPORT

COTTON MARKET.

By Guillot Bros.

Liverpool Futures.

	OPEN.	CLOSE
Jan. Feb.	6.80 82	6.87
Feb. Mar.	6.80 82	6.86 87
Mar. Apr.	6.80 81	6.87
Apr. May	6.79 81	6.85 80
May June	6.79 80	6.84 85
June July	6.78	6.83
July Aug.	6.80 83	6.88
Aug. Sep.		
Spots, 7.96. Sales 3,000. Weak		

New York Futures.

MONTH	OPEN	CLOSE
Jan.	13.05	13.30 32
Feb.	13.14	13.43 44
Mar.	13.09	13.45 46
Apr.	13.04	13.49 50
May	12.85	13.88 89
June	12.85	13.88 89
July	12.85	13.88 89
Aug.	12.85	13.88 89
Dec.		
Spots 13.50 Steady.		

New Orleans Futures.

MONTH	OPEN	CLOSE
Jan.	13.05	13.09 10
Feb.	13.10	13.44 55
Mar.	13.09	13.55 56
Apr.	13.04	14.05 6
May	13.00	
Dec.		
Spots 13.14 Sales 6,500 Firm.		

Chicago Grain Market.

	WHEAT.	
May	84 1/2	84 1/2
July	79 1/2	79 1/2
	CORN.	
May	45 1/2	45 1/2
July	45	45 1/2
	OATS.	
May	35 1/2	35 1/2
July	35	35 1/2
	PORK	
May	13.02	

RECEIPTS.

Chicago—hogs, 35,000, 5c up.
St. Louis—hogs, 35,000, 5c up.
Kansas City—hogs, 7,000, 5c up.
Cattle, 5,000, 5c up.
Omaha—hogs, 4,000, 5c up.
cattle, 1,800, 5c up.

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